



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Human Studies Review Board; Notification of Public Meetings

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of the Science Advisor announces two separate public meetings of the Human Studies Review Board (HSRB) to advise the Agency on the ethical and scientific reviews of EPA research involving human subjects.

DATES: A public virtual meeting will be held on July 12-13, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to approximately 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on July 12 and from 1:00 pm to approximately 4:30 pm on July 13. A separate, subsequent teleconference meeting is planned for Thursday, August 25, 2016, from 2:00 p.m. to approximately 3:30 p.m. for the HSRB to finalize its Final Report of the July 12-13, 2016 meeting.

ADDRESSES: Both of these meetings will be conducted entirely by telephone and on the Internet using Adobe Connect. For detailed access information visit the HSRB Website:

<http://www2.epa.gov/osa/human-studies-review-board>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public who wishes to receive further information should contact the HSRB Designated Federal Official, Jim Downing on telephone number (202) 564-2468; fax number: (202) 564-2070; email address: downing.jim@epa.gov; or mailing address: Environmental Protection Agency, Office of the Science Advisor, Mail code 8105R, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting access: These meetings are open to the public. Meeting materials are available at the HSRB Website: <http://www2.epa.gov/osa/human-studies-review-board> for questions on document availability, or if you do not have access to the Internet, consult with Jim Downing listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Special accommodations. For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, or to request accommodation of a disability, please contact Jim Downing listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT at least 10 days prior to the meeting to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

How May I Participate in this Meeting?

The HSRB encourages the public's input. You may participate in these meetings by following the instructions in this section.

1. Oral comments. Requests to present oral comments during either conference call will be accepted up to Noon Eastern Time on Thursday, July 5, 2016, for the July 12-13, 2016 meeting and up to Noon Eastern Time on Thursday, August 18, 2016 for the August 25, 2016 conference call. To the extent that time permits, interested persons who have not pre-registered may be permitted by the HSRB Chair to present oral comments during either call at the designated time on the agenda. Oral comments before the HSRB are generally limited to five minutes per individual or organization. If additional time is available, further public comments may be possible.

2. Written comments. Submit your written comments prior to the meetings. For the Board to have the best opportunity to review and consider your comments as it deliberates, you should submit your comments by Noon Eastern Time on Thursday, July 5, 2016, for the July 12-13, 2016, and by noon Eastern Time on Thursday, August 18, 2016 for the August 25, 2016 teleconference. If you submit

comments after these dates, those comments will be provided to the HSRB members, but you should recognize that the HSRB members may not have adequate time to consider your comments prior to their discussion. You should submit your comments to Jim Downing listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. There is no limit on the length of written comments for consideration by the HSRB.

Background

The HSRB is a Federal advisory committee operating in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act 5 U.S.C. App.2 § 9. The HSRB provides advice, information, and recommendations to the EPA on issues related to scientific and ethical aspects of human subjects research. The major objectives of the HSRB are to provide advice and recommendations on: (1) research proposals and protocols; (2) reports of completed research with human subjects; and (3) how to strengthen EPA's programs for protection of human subjects of research.

Topics for discussion. On Tuesday, July 12, 2016, EPA's Human Studies Review Board will consider a topic from the Agricultural Handlers Exposure Task Force: A Completed Studies and Monograph Report for Agricultural Handler Exposure during Open Pour Mixing/Loading of Wettable Powders. On Wednesday, July 13, 2016 the HSRB will consider: A Completed Study and Monograph Report for Agricultural Handler Exposure during Mixing/Loading of Pesticide Products in Water Soluble Packets also from the Agricultural Handlers Exposure Task Force.

Meeting minutes and final reports. Minutes of these meetings, summarizing the matters discussed and recommendations made by the HSRB, will be released within 90 calendar days of the meeting. These minutes will be available at <http://www2.epa.gov/osa/human-studies-review-board>. In addition, information regarding the HSRB's Final Report, will be found at <http://www2.epa.gov/osa/human-studies-review-board> or from Jim Downing listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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